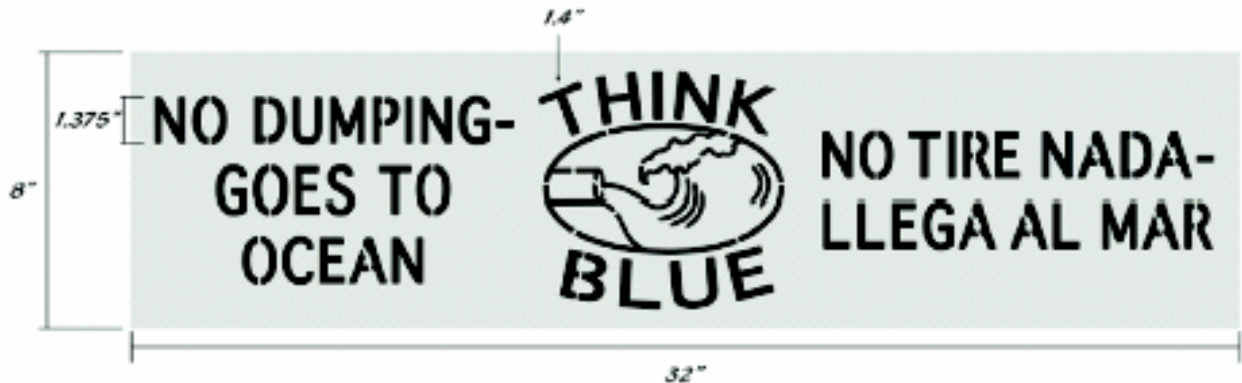


Storm Drain Stenciling Tips

NOTE: You may check out the storm drain stencil and a stenciling kit with the necessary paint, brushes, and other materials from:

I Love A Clean San Diego, Inc.
4891 Pacific Highway, Suite 115
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 291-0103

Stencil Placement: The stencil needs to be painted above the storm drain. The stencil message should be readable from the roadside. If the curb is red, paint directly above the red area.



Please remember not sit/stand in the street while completing this project

Stenciling Steps: Wipe the street curb with cloth. The area to be painted should be as clean as possible so the paint will adhere properly. Place the stencil in the location you've selected. Use wide masking tape to tape only the perimeter of the first stencil without taping down the inside of the stencil itself. (This will form the 8" x 32" rectangular background for you to paint white.)

Open white paint only. Stir paint with mixing stick. Paint the rectangular area white. USE PAINT SPARINGLY!!! Remember, *neatness* is very important.

If your storm drains are relatively close together, paint all the white backgrounds first, then return to paint the Think Blue stencil so the white paint has time to dry.

Very Important: Make sure the paint is dry. Then tape the Think Blue stencil (illustrated above) on top of the white background. Open the blue paint, stir, and dab the blue paint *sparingly* using the Think Blue stencil.

TIPS:

If painting a rough surface, firmly hold down the stencil and dab (don't brush) the letters and the figure. Be careful not to get paint underneath the stencil.

The key to success is to USE AS LITTLE PAINT ON YOUR BRUSH AS POSSIBLE.

When finished painting, wipe off any paint on the outside of the container and tightly replace the lid to the paint.

Anytime you stop painting for more than a couple minutes, place the brush in its plastic bag to keep the brush from drying.